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I think it is important to realize that the ECS funding formula goes back 23 years to 1992, 4 years before Conn Yankee in Haddam Neck ceased producing electricity and 14 years before the physical plant was taken down completely. The presence of the plant was a unique circumstance, as only Waterford and Haddam had nuclear plants. The plant accounted for about half of Haddam's grand list, so that when it closed, taxes effectively doubled. Additionally, with the failure of the federal government to secure a safe place for the disposal of nuclear waste--Yucca Mountain was promised-- the town has to live with the danger that presents; furthermore, the land occupied by the former nuke is likely never to be used again due to the presence and potential danger of nuclear waste. In effect, that land can be scratched from the grand list forever. Is there any other town facing that kind of reality? No.

The stated intent of the ECS formula was to equalize state education funding to towns by taking into account a town's wealth and ability to raise property taxes to pay for education. The town's ability to raise property taxes is compromised when land containing nuclear waste can no longer be viewed as a viable site for another business to occupy FOREVER. Add in the huge amount of acreage devoted to state parks in Connecticut--over 6,600 acres--and the amount of available land in Haddam that has grand list potential is further compromised. How many other towns in Connecticut have 1/3rd of their land as state parks? To say the very least, Haddam's circumstance is truly unique among the other towns in Connecticut.

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